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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR PINT LE JO SY  
SUBJ: TALK OF A COUP PLOT IN JORDAN

1. AUB PROFESSOR DR. GHAZI SARHAN TOLD AN EMBASSY LOCAL  
EMPLOYEE JUNE 20 THAT HE HEARD THE FOLLOWING FROM MICHEL  
ABU JAWDEH, SENIOR EDITOR OF AN NAHAR: ABU JAWDEH HAD  
RECEIVED A PERSONAL LETTER FROM ABDUL HAMID SHARAF, DIRECTOR  
OF THE JORDANIAN ROYAL DIWAN COMPLAINING THAT THE U.S. IS  
WORKING AGAINST THE REGIME OF KING HUSSEIN, ALLEGEDLY FOR  
THE SAKE OF CREATING A PALESTINIAN STATE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE  
THE EAST BANK OF THE JORDAN.

2. ABU JAWDEH FURTHER TOLD SARHAN THAT A GROUP OF JORDANIAN  
ARMY OFFICERS, WHO HAD BEEN PLANNING A COUP, HAD CONTACTED  
THE SOVIETS FOR SUPPORT. THE SOVIETS IN TURN BELIEVED THAT  
THE PLOT WAS U.S.-INSPIRED, AND DESIGNED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR  
CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE  
EAST BANK. THEY INFORMED PRESIDENT ASAD OF SYRIA, WHO IN  
TURN SUPPOSEDLY INFORMED KING HUSSEIN, WHO THEN ARRESTED AND  
EXECUTED A NUMBER OF SUSPECT ARMY OFFICERS.

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3. WE REPORT THE ABOVE FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH IN  
CONNECTION WITH RECENT STORIES OF A COUP PLOT IN JORDAN.  
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